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Legal eagles soar high

Lincoln's 1996 Constitution Team wins national title in Washington D.C.

BY ALLAN SCHULTE

They' re the best in the nation, and last weekend they proved it for the third time. For three days, the Constitution Team participated in the national competition in Washington D. C.

"It was a Civics Superbowl," said Hal Hart, the team' s head coach.

The team left last Thursday after months of Tuesday-night classes and countless weekend meetings.

> ***"I've never been so proud to hear the word 'Oregon' in my entire life."***
>
> Rebekah Cook
> JUNIOR, TEAM MEMBER, IN RESPONSSE TO THE ANNOUNCEMTN OF OREGON AS NATIONAL CHAMPS

"It 's been an honor to work with such a dedicated team which worked hard all year," said Chuck Sparks, coach.

Winning nationals isn' t a first for Lincoln. The team has represented Oregon in the national competition for the last nine years, when the program was created. Last year' s team was named Western Regional Champion.

Coming in second was last year' s first-place school from California; Colorado placed third. The team will be honored tomorrow at the May Fete assembly.

IN THE CARDS...

Tonight, May 2:
'The Sound of Music' 7-10 p.m., auditorium

Tomorrow, May 3:
May Fete assembly: 'D' schedule

Monday, May 6:
Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, May 10:
'D' schedule; dedication of the LHS wall and photo

Saturday, May 11:
Jr./Sr. Prom, 8-11 p.m., Adriana Ballroom

NOTABLE...

Emily Harnden, Lincoln parent and girls' golf coach, will be one of the carriers of the Olympic torch for the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

QUOTABLE...

This was the most patriotic I have felt in my entire life.

- Katherine Stevens, sophomore member of the 1996 Constitution Team on capturing the national title

Fence of the Ages

BY ALEX HUGHES

After four years of planning, placing tiles, and molding silhouettes, the Lincoln-Tri-Met fence has finally been completed. City officials and Tri-Met staff will be on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled to take place next Friday.

The unveiling will follow an assembly highlighting the works of 18 students, including seniors David Herbold and Anna Jablonski, who worked directly with artist Carolyn King in designing the wall. "I didn't realize how much work actually goes into it," said Jablonski.

In addition to the help of Herbold and Jablonski, approximately 140 other art students have participated in the production of the 850 tiles as well. Graduates Jacob Herbold, Arianna Ward, and Karl Horeis were also instrumental in the planning.

However, the production has not been without setbacks. Miscalculations in the setting of the foundation, along with delayed MAX construction prolonged the job considerably.

"It was a long and frustrating process," said ceramics teacher Cindy Irby. "I'm relieved and excited that we're finally done." Irby coordinated student involvement in the production of the decorative tiles.

Beginning next year, the back side of the wall will replace the patio as the location of the senior mural with an anti-graffiti coating to help maintain the appearance. Ideas for tiles were inspired by old yearbook photos.

Sarah Madden

Good fences build good neighbors: After four years of blood, sweat, and tears, the Lincoln Fence is finally ready for its unveiling next Friday. According to Principal Velma Johnson, the structure is called a "fence," as opposed to a "wall" because walls divide people.

FRAMERS OF THE FENCE

Who: Cindy Irby
What: Ceramics, humanities teacher
Contributions: Tile, concrete, cement, and glaze work
On support: "A tremendous community process: artist, students, and teachers working together."

Who: Connie Speros
What: Art teacher
Contributions: Part of the original design team, worked with Tri-Met
On the process: "I think it was an extraordinary experience for the students that wer able to be involved. (The fence) was a monumental effort."

Who: David Herbold
What: senior
Contributions: Worked on the concrete panels, general art work
On the artists: "It was an honorable experience just to work with a professional artist like Carolyn King."

Proposal promotes community support

BY ELIZABETH LEHMER

A proposal to surcharge the business income tax by one percent has been formulated by County Commissioner Beverly Stein in an effort to raise money for Portland schools. The proposal, which was formally announced at Lincoln last Wednesday at a press conference, would raise $40 million over the next two years.

Over 30 people were present at the conference, including Lucious Hicks, chairman of the schoolbopard, and Supreintendent Jack Bierwirth, as well as repoters from KGW and *The Oregonian*.

According to Stein, 65% of all businesses would pay less than $100 per year. "This is a challenge for businesses to step up and help," said Stein. However, there may be a need to adjust the surcharge for small businesses to alleviate any possible financial strain, Stein added.

The proposal is innovative in that the measure will be voted on, according to Stein. Although the County Commission could pass the tax increase without voter support, Stein said that they feel it is necessary to include the public in the decision.

> ***"This is a challenge to businesses to step up and help."***
>
> Beverly Stein
> MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONEER

"We ask the public be allowed to decide this option," said Stein. "It will help provide a tourniquet for this crisis."

According to Stein, a tourniquet is exactly what the proposal is, and does not anticipate the proposal to be a long-term solution. "The goal [of the proposal] is to put pressure on the legislature to make a long-term solution," said Stein.

Sophomore Jason Franklin, who has been instrumental as a catalyst for student involvement in the budget, said, "This proposal will allow the community to tell everyone that they care about education."

Stein shares the same sentiment. "The bottom line is, we cannot let down our children."

Journalism 101

With an article published on April 25, *The Oregonian* has shown that it can not only bend the rules of journalistic ethics and basic style, but can shatter them through inflammatory vocabulary and blatant editorialization.

The article told of a press conference held at Lincoln, in which County Commissioner Beverly Stein announced a proposal that would add a one percent surcharge to the business income tax to raise money for the ailing schools of Portland.

The Oregonian introduced the article with a headline reading, "Dead on arrival." Furthermore, the writer continued in this lack of journalistic values by making such comments as, "Stein is holding the business community hostage."

Such inflammatory comments not only show a lack of regard for presenting solid facts to the reader, they also show a general disregard for any sense of what should have been learned on the first day of the job: editorialization has no business on the news page.

Perhaps if the writers of *The Oregonian* spent a day in our beginning journalism class, they could realize the fundamentals of what makes good, solid news: hard fact, not unsubstantiated opinion.

Burn baby, burn; Lincoln inferno

It's May. The sun is shining (or at least it will), the last day of school seems like tomorrow, and Spring Fever is becoming an epidemic.

But along with all the glory of spring and school winding down, it's easy to misplace your priorities.

For the last few weeks of school that are left, stress is sure to run high as IB testing begins, seniors get frantic over fulfilling graduation requirements, and students get swamped with end-of-the-year projects. Needless to say, everybody is going to be on over-drive when it comes to the stress factor.

Taking such circumstances into consideration, please remember to take care of yourselves and to look out for those around you. Most likely, they're just as burnt out as you are.

As difficult as a concept is to grasp in a school such as Lincoln, a grade is not worth sacrificing your well-being. Homework can wait, but health shouldn't have to. Being smart isn't exclusive to academic performance. More importantly, intelligence means knowing your limits.

THUMBS UP TO...

- ❖ The Constitution rockin' the Capital at Nationals. What are they gonna do now? They're going to Disneyland!
- ❖ Junior Meghan McCarthy for designing the prom bids. Dahling, they're absolutely nahhhvelous!
- ❖ 24 daze of school left for seniors; 31 for the rest of y'all.

THUMBS DOWN TO...

- ❖ Getting letters in the mail saying that you are in jeopardy of not graduating.
- ❖ Having a prom king and queen. Ick. Sounds like a bad episode of "Sweet Valley High."

YOU TILT THE THUMB ON...

- ❖ Calobo at prom: the band's great for a concert, but for a formal dance?
- ❖ The recognition ribbons at graduation - thoughtful, but exclusive.

The Cardinal Times

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Wake me up before you go-go

Linh Trieu

676. That's the number of holes there are in each tile on the ceiling. Checked it once, checked it twice, and again, and again, and again. After hours of quantitative observation, I've concluded that there are, indeed, 676 holes.

Whenever I begin to doze off in class, (which is usually seventeen minutes after the bell rings) I start The Count. Though the activity seems boring enough, this mathematical endeavor entertains me, tastes great, and is less filling. But more importantly, hole-counting keeps me awake.

Honestly, I don't intend to be rude by nodding off every once in a while, er, half-hour. I'm just a very tired girl, more so now than ever before.

Walking into a classroom drains all my energy and enthusiasm, and sucks it into some mysterious abyss. In any given class, you'll find me bored out of my mind and doodling all over my homework that I fell asleep doing the night before. I guess I'm just a restless teenager caged in a prison of ennui (oh, the cheesy metaphors abound).

But I don't think I'm alone in this feeling.

Everyday as I look around the classroom, I take note of the people who have their heads buried in their fleeces on the desk, the Boyd's fiends who practically snort the caffeine through their noses, and the pathetic ones that are counting the holes like I am. It doesn't matter what time of the day it is - the observations are all the same. Although I must admit, the data from zero-period calculus deviates slightly above the average.

When I'm not asleep, I enjoy laughing at those around me whose heads jerk back and forth as they are tranquilized by the teachers' stimulating lectures on the evolution of cheese-filled sausage links.

Evening nocturnal activities are just as fun, as I truly do enjoy falling asleep with my pen in my hand, blue ink all over my pillow, and waking up to odd Spandex-clad people on my TV trying to sell me *The AbRoller 2000*.

Whenever you're in need of a good laugh, check out my co-editor in IB chem. He'll be sure to have a puddle of drool shaped in the form of Nebraska on his desk, and strategically placed red lines on his face that, strangely enough, spell the words "cheese-filled sausage."

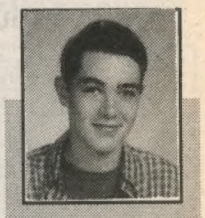
If the humor (or lack thereof) in this column has failed to amuse you, well then, my apologies. Please understand that I'm mentally and physically drained. At this point, a solitary green pea would be enough to send me into hysterics.

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Looking for problems

Lincoln has been praised numerous times for being one of the best high schools in the nation. Why, then, do we have such a disciplinary problem? I would suggest that much of it created by the enforcers of the rules.

Granted there are students who steal, vandalize and attack other students or hurt the school, but these account for a small percentage of the problems here. Other times, students are yelled at or punished for absurd reasons.



Allan Schulte

Last week, for example, a student was talking with his friends and happened to mention a four-letter word that rhymes with zit. A nearby hall monitor told him to leave if was going to use that type of language. While swearing isn't the most beautiful choice of speech, it is common in everyone's vocabulary, even teachers. Does anybody think that un-named hall monitor has *never* sworn?

Another misguided rule is the student smoking policy. Students are often punished for smoking a cigarette in their car during lunch. The school does have a rule about smoking within a five blocks of school, but is this right? By smoking in their cars at their own time, no one else is hurt because they're the only willing parties subjected to the smoke. The no-smoking rule should only be enforced on campus, otherwise it is a stretch into non-school jurisdiction.

If these seem like victimless crimes, as they do to me, then what about hall passes? A student quickly runs to their locker to grab a book during class and is given detention for not carrying a slip. The hall pass rule need only be enforced when students are seen wandering around school, obviously avoiding a class. It is idiotic to make walking in the hall during class time such a high crime.

Thankfully, Lincoln sees little rule-breaking. And it is because of this that lesser rules are enforced so strongly. Instead of looking for ways a student may be breaking a rule, why not reward the students of the school for being so relatively obedient for a public high school and ease up on the enforcement?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As others see us...and it's nothing to be proud of

Media coverage unfair

To the Editor:

During the week of April 11, *The Oregonian* published two articles relating to Lincoln. One told of 29 students who had distinguished themselves, the school, and our state by winning the ninth consecutive state championship in the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition and securing the right to compete for the national title.

The second article described the actions of two 16 year-old males who allegedly hurled a bowling ball off the Vista Bridge which hit and damaged a parked pickup truck. This article had a headline three times larger than the first article.

The Lincoln community that is familiar with the true character of the vast majority of Lincoln students understand and appreciate that you are intelligent, courteous and law-abiding young people who, unfortunately, get tarred with the same brush when a few of your fellow student misconduct themselves.

My thanks to the Lincoln students who assisted in the reporting of the suspects to our law enforcement officials. Those of us in Lincoln's Constitution Class would consider this to be an act of "civic virtue" inasmuch, as Edward Burke said over 200 years ago: "The only thing necessary for the triumph over evil is for good men to do nothing."

-Hal Hart
Constitutional Law class teacher

Trash mars good image

To the Editor:

I'd like to alert you to the issue of cleanliness and general appearance of your school. When I visited the school on March 11, I was forced to look at the amount of garbage that was outside and in the halls and the graffiti in the lockers.

I was the coordinator for the group of Japanese students who visited during their homestay experience in Portland. I was surprised to find that the report was faxed to their principal in Ibaraki, Japan commented on the dirty building, bathrooms, cafeteria, and hallways. It was the first comment made by the girls when asked if they enjoyed their visit.

I'd like to appeal to your sense of pride in your school and, perhaps even more, to the respect which is shown to environment in which you live. Although our culture values and encourages individual self-expression, I should hope that as teenagers, you do not take the freedom you have for granted and see it as a liberty to disregard thoughtfulness and consideration for your student body and other individuals in the larger society as a whole.

Taking the little bit of time and attention needed to make and keep your school cleaner may be a rather insignificant action in your mind, but the lack of such an action certainly had a rather overwhelming effect on 28 individuals from Japan.

I challenge all of you to welcome strangers into a clean school and not just depend on your high SAT scores, and high college-bound ratio to maintain your school's reputation for academic excellence. Your high academic standards should coexist with a well-kept environment.

-Karen Swallow-Hagen
Cultural Homestay International coordinator

THE HALLS ARE ALIVE... *with 'The Sound of Music'*

BY SHAZI TATE

Lincoln has been without a musical production since four years ago with *Anything Goes* played in 1992. *The Sound of Music*, which opens tonight, promises to bring Lincoln out of the darkness.

Performances will also be offered May 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 with two matinees.

"I have been planning this since October," said Director and Drama advisor Jim Peerenboom. "While other productions were going on, I was planning this one."

The roles of the nuns and the children are double cast because so many people tried out for the parts. The lead roles star junior Matt Woodburn as Captain George von Trapp, sophomore Anna Campbell portrays Maria Rainier, senior Anna Jablonski as the Mother Abbess and Jenny Herbst as Baroness Elsa Schrader. The younger children come form surrounding schools. In one scene, well known people in the community will provide cameo roles. Mayor Vera Katz and Tom Peterson are rumored to be making special appearances.

A 15 piece orchestra along with a piano led by string teacher Margaret Muirer will accompany the choirs, led by Vocal Director Mo Ling Yip.

"Lincoln has never done a musical with major four part harmonies. The more the parts, the more challenging the music is," said Peerenboom.

Forest Grove high school put on the same production recently with a budget of approximately $20,000. Lincoln is doing the play with half the dollar amount.

"My goal is to do the best *Sound of Music* possible," said Peerenboom.

Sarah Madden

Getting Ready: Senior Anna Janlonski and Anna Campbell, sophomore, rehearse their lines for the musical which premieres tonight.

BEHIND THE SCENES...

'The Sound of Music' is a complex production. Here are some numbers to prove it...

Costumes
Rendered by David Glnott, designed by Joan Schaub and Corbin Campbell

Numbers: Estimated over 200 costumes for the cast.

Set & lights
Designed by Jon Ares

Numbers: Seven set changes

Music
Vocal Direction by Mo Ling Yip
Orchestra Direction by Margaret Muirer

Numbers: Estimted 30 students in the chorus, and over 15 in the musical ensemble.

Cast & crew
Directed and choreographed by Jim Peerenboom
Numbers: : Cast and crew takes more than 145 people. More than 70 cast members from more than 3 different schools

PROM
Tropical Moondance

That crazy little thing called 'prom" is barely a week away. Here are some things to remember...

LADIES.

- Break in your shoes around the house. Your feet will thank you later.
- Bring a picture of what you want your hair to look like to the salon. Hint: a bird' s nest isn' t flattering.
- What' s in your purse? An extra pair of hose in case of a run, chapstick, and an emergency quarter in case your date turns into Norman Bates

GENTLEMEN

- Find a tux or a funky alternative in Dad' s closet or the nearest vintage clothing store.
- Order corsages. Remember: less is more - anything involving fruit probably won' t impress your date.
- Please guys, leave your TI-85s at home. Tetris can wait.

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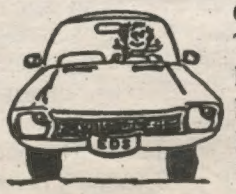

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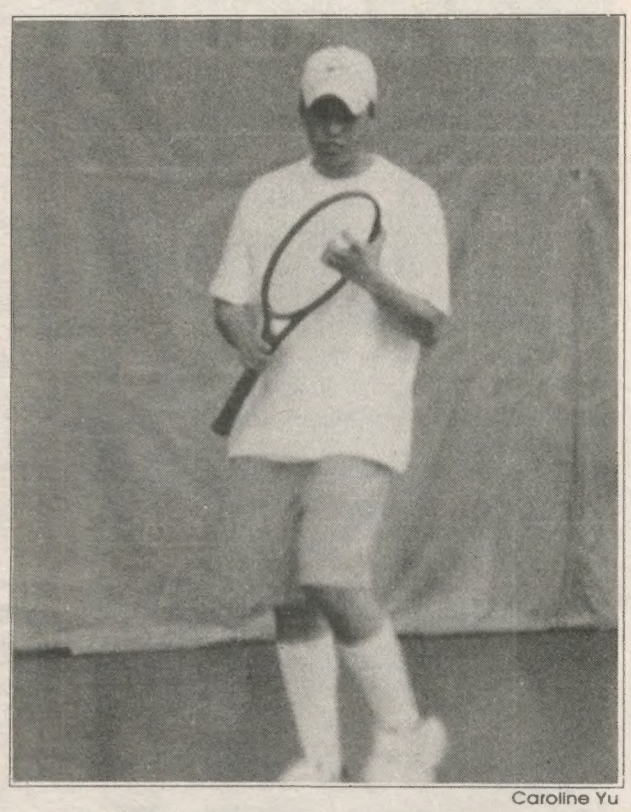
Tennis teams dry out



Caroline Yu

Mental toughness: Junior Mark Hwee focuses between points during his match at the Jesuit Invitational Metro Tournament last weekend. The Cards finished fourth overall in a tournament that featured the top eight teams in the State.

BY REX PUTERBAUGH

Despite having three weeks of play rained out in the middle of the season, both the boys' and girls' tennis teams are looking forward to finishing their seasons on a winning note. With five matches left to play this season, both teams were on top of the PIL at 4-0.

"The season has gone by really fast and we still have more schools to play," said junior Sara Barker. "It's been a discouraging season, because of all the rain."

Last Friday and Saturday, the boys played against the top seven other teams in the state at the Jesuit Invitational Metro Tournament. The Cards finished fourth despite having to shuffle their lineup due to the absences of some key players. Junior Will Hawkins, half of the number-one doubles team, and sophomore Danny Rubin, the Card's number-three singles player were both in Washington D. C. competing for Lincoln in the national "We the People" Constitution competition.

However, the Cards did have senior Dave Sacks, the team's number-one singles player, who placed third overall. In the doubles bracket, the number-one team of junior Jack Peterson and freshman Adam Lewis also turned in a third-place finish.

The PIL district tournament will get underway today. The boys' team is favored to take first in singles and doubles, and the Cards aren't lacking in confidence.

"If we don't win District," said Sacks, "I'll come to school in my underwear."

Golfers heating up for District

Both the girls' and the boys' teams sport 5-0 PIL records heading into the District tournament on May 13.

BY ALTHEA RODGERS & MARK HWEE

The wins continue to mount for the girls' golf team, which has swept through the PIL to a 5-0 record. "We have the most depth in the league," said head coach Emily Harnden.

The girls are lead by senior Emily Spear (who sunk an 84-foot putt for birdie at Progress golf course), juniors Laura Jackson and Lindsay King and freshman Erin Breslin. "It has been hard to concentrate this year because of all the rain," said Jackson.

Just when it seems this team seems to be reaching it's peak, it continues to improve. "We just keep playing better," said Harnden. "Our short game keeps getting better and better."

The boys' golf team is preparing for the District tournament on May 13 at Heron Lakes golf course.

The Cardinals, are coming off of a fourth-place finish at the Barlow Invitational last Tuesday. Junior Eli Zacheim shot a 75 to lead the team to a combined score of 326. West Albany took home the trophy, shooting 303. "I think it would help us out a lot if the PIL went to an 18-hole format," said coach Brian Quinn. "It's just too hard for us to put two (nine hole scores) together in the tournaments."

With four matches remaining in the season, the boys are atop the PIL with a record of 5-0. Their next match is Friday versus Franklin at Eastmoreland golf course. The team is hoping to repeat its performance at last year's District tournament, where Zacheim shot a 69 en route to the individual title.

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Track troubles trip up season

With track conditions worsening, the PIL chooses to relocate all future Lincoln home track meets

BY BRANDON BIRDWELL

The PIL track season doesn't end until May 16, but the varsity track teams had their last home competition during the Cardinal Relays on March 30. It isn't a scheduling quirk. The continued deterioration of the track has prompted the PIL to relocate all future home meets.

"The track has disintegrated to a point where it's no longer suitable for use," said Athletic Director Mark Brazo.

The track was originally resurfaced in the fall of 1993, but the new surface began peeling within several months of completion. The installation company, Surf-Tech Co., replaced the faulty track in July of 1994. However, the replacement was not an improvement. In October, the board of education resolved to terminate the Surf-Tech contract, and have the track replaced by a bonding company. Atlas Tracks, Inc., a Tigard company, will construct a new track this summer.

"The track has disintegrated to a point where it's no longer suitable for use."

Mark Brazo
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Despite the loss of home support, head track coach Benita Lloyd doesn't plan on a team letdown. "The only real effect is that we have to bring all of the help with us," she said. "(The team) will adapt."

The Cards competed in their first home-away-from-home meet on April 18 at Madison. The May 2 meet against Marshall has been rescheduled as a double dual meet at Franklin, and the May 8 meet against Benson has been moved to Cleveland.

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